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Old Party (GOP), in the United States, one of the two major political [ocratic Party](#). During the 19th century the Republican Party stood against ntry's new territories and, ultimately, for slavery's complete abolition. s the party came to be associated with [laissez-faire capitalism](#), low taxes, he party acquired the acronym [GOP](#), widely understood as "Grand Old icial logo, the [elephant](#), is derived from a cartoon by [Thomas Nast](#) and

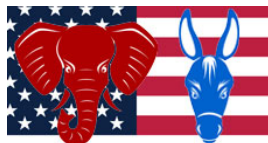


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d in 1792 by supporters of [Thomas Jefferson](#), who favoured a decentralized government with limited power. Although Jefferson's political philosophy is consistent with the outlook of the modern Republican Party, his faction, which soon became known as the [Democratic-Republican Party](#), ironically evolved by the 1830s into the [Democratic Party](#), the modern Republican Party's chief rival.



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